

would learn from Vance whether he is to be our Col. If he is I wish to resign & to do so before he gets command as he might not approve my resignation. Capt Randolph ²¹ as Col would give satisfaction to the whole regiment. Please answer this as soon as convenient.

*Speech on Ten Regiment Bill*²²

January 29, 1863

The Ten Regiment bills were taken up in the Senate on Thursday, when Mr. Graham stated the reasons why he should vote against it. He did not think the passage of either would in any way tend to bring about conflict with the Confederate States. It mattered very little how these men were raised, whether by conscription or volunteering. Troops for the war would no doubt be gladly accepted by the President in either case. He said that North Carolina in proportion to her population had furnished more troops than any other State. He would not vote for the bill because he considered the Confederate Government the war-making power; did not think it proper for States to raise a separate force after giving it the power to draw individuals from them for direct service in the army. He thought the militia laws sufficient for cases of emergency.

From R. J. Graves

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Oaks, Orange Co., N.C.,

Feb. 7th, 1863.

You have now obtained a pretty full account of the evidence on both sides of my case. I presume the prosecution has no more to offer, & you are acquainted with my side, will you be kind enough to let me know what you think of the case, in prospect? Will it

²¹ John Randolph, a Northampton County lawyer, who attended the university briefly in the 1830s. He was captain of Company H, Nineteenth North Carolina Regiment (Second Cavalry). Randolph must have been an able officer as he was considered for the position of adjutant general of North Carolina at the time Daniel G. Fowle was appointed. He resigned from the Confederate service in November, 1863. Moore, *Roster of Troops*, II, 134; Clark, *Histories of the North Carolina Regiments*, I, 50; Spencer Alumni Project.

²² From the *Hillsborough Recorder*, February 4, 1863.